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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR W/E 29-NOV-08

Current Week Previous Week

Broiler/fryer 121,773 160,422

MIDWEST BROILER/FRYER - Preliminary majority delivered

prices on next week's trade into the Chicago area was unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady to fully steady. Retail and distributive demand was slow to moderate for the most part, occasionally good for some retail business and improved into catering operations. Floor stocks were in a full range, mostly in close balance; weights desirable to heavy. Wing offerings were very limited, breast cuts light as were leg quarters; other dark meat cuts were available. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, steady to firm on breast items, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on drumsticks and thighs.

CHICAGO BROILER/FRYER

Preliminary for Delivery the Week of 01-DEC-2008

 RANGE
 MAJ
 WTD AVG
 LOADS

 US GRADE A
 71-84.5
 71-74
 75.38
 20

GEORGIA FOB DOCK PRICES

WEDNESDAY - 87.00

FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG. - 86.63

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

| | WTD AVG | VOLUME |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|
| ITEM (CENT | S PER POUND) | (000) POUNDS) |
| LINE RUN TENDERS | 151.00 | 891 |
| BREASTS - B/S | 111.50 | 4,176 |
| BREASTS - WHOLE | 70.00 | 975 |
| THIGH MEAT - B/S | 105.50 | 801 |
| THIGHS | 52.50 | 507 |
| DRUMSTICKS | 55.50 | 586 |
| LEG QUARTERS | 31.00 | 5,996 |
| WINGS | 113.50 | 1,949 |

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LIVE TURKEYS SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

<u>WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS</u>, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, DENTS PER LB, DELIVERED, (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) W/E NOVEMBER 28, 2008

| C | URRENT | LAST | SAME WEEK | C | URRENT | LAST | SAME WEEK |
|-------------------|--------|-------|-----------|----------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| 8-16 LB HENS | WEEK | WEEK | YEAR AGO | 16-24 LB TOMS | WEEK | WEEK | YEAR AGO |
| EASTERN REGION | 83.79 | 91.50 | 92.07 | EASTERN REGION | 80.00 | 91.50 | 91.61 |
| CENTRAL REGION | 84.24 | 83.83 | 91.94 | CENTRAL REGION | 80.00 | 83.50 | 91.50 |
| WESTERN REGION | | 89.88 | 94.00 | WESTERN REGION | 80.36 | 83.50 | 92.20 ** |
| **BASED ON OFFERS | | | | | | | |

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 22-NOV-2008 (PRELIMINARY)

| WEEK ENDING 22 | -NOV-2006 (PRELIMINART) | | | |
|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Yo | ung Chickens | Yo | oung Hens | Young Toms |
| | Thousands | | Т | housands |
| Head | 156,960 | Head | 2,205 | 2,899 |
| Avg Wt | 5.52 | Avg Wt | 16.75 | 37.94 |
| Last week | 159,887 | Last week | 2,735 | 2,894 |
| Same wk yr ago | 129,511 | Same wk yr ago | 965 | 1,745 |
| Avg Wt | 5.64 | Avg Wt | 15.29 | 38.84 |
| To-date/2008 | 7,699,424 | To-date/2008 | 95,995 | 130,250 |
| To-date/2007 | 7,597,914 | To-date/2007 | 93,728 | 124,573 |
| Ready-to-Cook Wo | eight and Dressing | Ready-to-Cook W | eight and D | ressing Percentage |
| Current week | 645,482 | Current week | 29,547 | 87,990 |
| Last week | 656,328 | Last week | 38,246 | 87,839 |
| Same wk yr ago | 544,179 | Same wk yr ago | 11,804 | 54,221 |
| Dressing % | 74.5% | Dressing % | 80.0% | 80.0% |

(A) Dressing % adjustments reflect quarterly update.

| FRESH BEEF CUTS | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|--------|
| FOB Negotiated | PRIC | E | WTD |
| - | RANG | GE | AVG |
| 112A 3 Rib, ribeye, bnls, heavy | 606.91 | 722.40 | 641.02 |
| 168 3 Round, top inside round | 158.00 | 170.00 | 161.01 |
| 180 3 Loin , strip, bnls, 0x1 | 370.00 | 400.70 | 383.61 |
| Ground Beef 81% | 120.00 | 147.00 | 130.15 |
| Source: USDA/AMS, Livestock and Grain Ma | rket News | | |